

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA**

**INDICTMENT FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE FEDERAL
CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE ACT AND FEDERAL GUN CONTROL ACT**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	*	CRIMINAL DOCKET NO.
v.	*	SECTION:
STEVE A. CASTON	*	VIOLATIONS: 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1)
	*	21 U.S.C. § 841(b)(1)(C)
	*	18 U.S.C. § 922(g)(1)
	*	18 U.S.C. § 924(c)(1)(A)
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The Grand Jury charges that:

COUNT 1

_____ On or about January 23, 2009, in the Eastern District of Louisiana, the defendant, **STEVE A. CASTON**, did knowingly and intentionally possess with intent to distribute a quantity of cocaine, a Schedule II drug controlled substance, all in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(C).

COUNT 2

On or about January 23, 2009, in the Eastern District of Louisiana, the defendant, **STEVE A. CASTON**, having been convicted of a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year, to wit: a conviction on August 16, 1999, in Orleans Parish Criminal District Court, Case No. 402328 “K ”, for attempted possession of 28 - 200 grams of cocaine, in violation of LSA-R.S. 40:979, 40:967 A(1), did knowingly possess in and affecting interstate commerce, a firearm, to wit: stainless steel .380 caliber a semiautomatic handgun, serial number 881739, model 48 Jennings Firearms pistol, all in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 922(g)(1).

COUNT 3

On or about January 23, 2009, in the Eastern District of Louisiana, the defendant, **STEVE A. CASTON**, in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime, to wit: possession with intent to distribute a quantity of cocaine in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(C) , for which the defendant may be prosecuted in a court of the United States, did knowingly possess a firearm, to wit: stainless steel .380 caliber a semiautomatic handgun, serial number 881739, model 48 Jennings Firearms pistol, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 924(c)(1)(A).

NOTICE OF FORFEITURE

1. The allegations of Count 1 of this indictment are realleged and incorporated by reference as though set forth fully herein for the purpose of alleging forfeiture to the United States of America pursuant to the provisions of Title 21, United States Code, Section 853.

2. As a result of the offenses alleged in Counts 1, the defendant, **STEVE A. CASTON**, shall forfeit to the United States pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853, any and all property constituting or derived from any proceeds the defendant obtained directly or indirectly as a result of the said violations and any and all property used or intended to be used in any manner or part to commit or facilitate the commission of the violations alleged in Count 1 of this indictment.

3. If any of the property subject to forfeiture pursuant to Paragraph 2 of this Notice of Forfeiture, as a result of any act or omission of the defendant, **STEVE A. CASTON**;

- a. cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence;
- b. has been transferred or sold to, or deposited with, a third person;
- c. has been placed beyond the jurisdiction of the Court;
- d. has been substantially diminished in value; or
- e. has been commingled with other property which cannot be subdivided without difficulty;

it is the intent of the United States, pursuant to Title 21, United State Code, Section 853(p), to seek forfeiture of any other property of said defendant up to the value of the above forfeitable property; all pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853.

NOTICE OF GUN FORFEITURE

1. The allegations of Counts 2 and 3 of this Indictment are realleged and incorporated by reference as though set forth fully herein for the purpose of alleging forfeiture to the United States of America pursuant to the provisions of Title 18, United States Code, Section 924 (d)(1) and Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c).

2. As a result of the offense alleged in Counts 2 and 3, the defendant, **STEVE A. CASTON**, shall forfeit to the United States pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 924(d)(1) and Title 28 United States Code, Section 2461, any firearm or ammunition, which was involved in or used in a knowing violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 922(g)(1) and 924(c) as alleged in Counts 2 and 3 of the Indictment. .

3. If any of the property subject to forfeiture pursuant to Paragraph 2 of this Notice of Forfeiture, as a result of any act or omission of the defendant:

- a. cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence;
- b. has been transferred or sold to, or deposited with, a third person;
- c. has been placed beyond the jurisdiction of the Court;
- d. has been substantially diminished in value; or
- e. has been commingled with other property which cannot be subdivided without difficulty;

it is the intent of the United States, pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p), to seek forfeiture of any other property of said defendant up to the value of the above forfeitable property.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 922(g)(1) and 924(c).

A TRUE BILL:

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